GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PRICE OF AIR TICKETS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is huge fall in the Jet Fuel Price but the Airlines have not reduced the prices of air tickets;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism/control on the prices of air tickets charged by the Airlines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the prices of air tickets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b),(c),(d) and (e):- Air fares are not being regulated by the Government. Airlines are free to charge air fares as per the market forces. Now, with decreasing prices of ATF the Airlines have started reducing fares. However, Airlines are also affected by the global financial downturn of the economy.